BIJOUX FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Bijoux Falls Provincial Park consists of a popular small rest stop along Highway 97 in Pine Pass. The 40 m waterfall which cascades through the spruce and fir forest is the main feature. The park is 41 ha in size.

Primary Role

The primary role of the park is to provide a picturesque rest area for highway travelers. Because of the high amount of visitation to the site, it is also an ideal location to provide information on the park system.

Known Management Issues	Response
Service Withdrawal – Bijoux Falls is 1 of the 46 parks announced as part of the Service Withdrawal initiative in Spring 2002	Bijoux Falls has had operational funding discontinued, and has been identified as one of the protected areas to be transferred to another group or agency. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George provided operational management for the 2002 season. The Environmental Stewardship will investigate to determine if the RDFFG wishes to continue operating the park in future years.
Information Opportunity	Bijoux Falls is one of the most used stops between Prince George and Fort St John. As such, it provides a key function for the provision of park information. The ability to continue providing provincial parks information should also be included as part of the transfer conditions.
Utility Corridor	BC Rail under park use permit. Continue to monitor. Removal of the right of way from the park is being considered.
Railway and Highway Spill Potential	Develop a Spill Contingency Plan

Zoning

The park has been zoned Intensive Recreation (3 ha or approximately 7%) around the highway rest area and trail to the waterfall. The remainder of the park is zoned Natural Environment (38 ha or approximately 93%) to protect the natural values of the park.

CONSERVATION

Representation

• ecosection		Situated in the Northern Hart Ranges Ecosection. 7.42% of this ecosection is protected, Bijoux Falls contributes only 0.1% of the overall protected areas system representation of this ecosection.
• biogeoclimatic subzone/variant		SBSwk2 – 3.45% protected. Bijoux Falls contributes only 0.26% of the protected areas system representation of this variant. Contributions to ecosystem representation are minimal due to the small size of the park.
Special Feature	X	40 m cascading falls
Rare/Endangered Values		not assessed
Scientific/Research Opportunities		

RECREATION

Representation:

• backcountry		
• destination		
• travel corridor	X	Major stopping point for highway travelers between Prince George and Fort St John.
• local recreation		
Special Opportunities		
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	X	Provides a key location for the provision of park information.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation

Special Feature

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs	X	Three provincial parks are situated within 75 km: Whiskers, Tudyah, and Carp Lake. Pine Le Moray Park now protects a large area of the Pine Pass summit area. Heather-Dina is located to the north of Mackenzie, and 4 ecological reserves are close by.

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Partnerships	X	Possibility of operational transfer to Fraser Fort George Regional District.
Vulnerability	X	Operational funding for rest stop maintenance no longer available.

Relationship to Other Strategies

Area: 41 hectares

Date of establishment: March 16, 1956

Zoning Map - Bijoux Falls Provincial Park

Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Intensive Recreation
Natural Environment
Protected Area Boundary

0 100
m

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